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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79574

Masayoshi TAKAHASHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/790,716

Group Art Unit: 1764

Confirmation No.: 2616

Examiner: John Christopher Douglas

Filed: March 3, 2004

For: MANUFACTURING GAS HYDRATE USING MICROBUBBLE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated May 18, 2006, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-9 and 18 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 10-17. **Since the due date fell on a Sunday, this response is timely filed.**

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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